

# Virginia Culver Will Head ANA Library Reports Token And Medal Society New Loan Record Set

Feminine charm backed by numismatic knowledge and an untiring willingness to perform for the best interests of her chosen specialty were offered as the outstanding qualities for office when Virginia Culver, Arcadia, Calif., was elected August 21 as the third president of the national Token and Medal Society in Cleveland.

Mrs. Culver, stepping to the society's highest post after one term as first vice president, is the first member of her sex to occupy the president's chair in T.A.M.S. She is among the first women numismatists to occupy a high policy-making post in organized national numismatics in the United States.

The California housewife and mother of two, who has twice captured the Dr. B. P. Wright Award for best token display at an annual A.N.A. convention, and who started her career as a T.A.M.S. officer in 1961 as treasurer, headed the list of new officers elected at the annual society meeting in connection with the A.N.A. She succeeds Paul H. Hamm, San Diego, Calif.

William B. Spilman, Waynesboro, Va. formerly national secretary of T.A.M.S., stepped up to the post of first vice president to succeed Mrs. Culver, while the second vice presidency was filled by Ralph A. (Curley) Mitchell, Fullerton, Calif.

Six members of the T.A.M.S. board of governors were elected for two year terms by the 120 members present at the annual meeting. These are Dr. George J. Fuld, Akron, Ohio; Robert McNamara, Cleveland; Arlie R. Slabaugh, Chicago, Ill.; Bob Johnson; Leonel C. Panosh, San Diego, Calif., and Benjamin Odesser, Chicago, Ill.

The important post of national secretary, vacated by Spilman after three years, goes to Robert Hailey, Endicott, N. Y. George D. Hatie, Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., was reappointed treasurer by incoming President Culver. Both offices are appointive.

The annual gathering was addressed briefly by Eric P. Newman, St. Louis, Mo., who thanked the members of the Ethics committee who had served under him in the 1962-1963 term, and warned members of the dangers of the present crop of dangerous forgeries appearing for sale, including what he termed excellent centrifugal casts from improved forging techniques.

A new and tougher code of ethics than that under which



Among the many well-wishers who congratulated President Virginia Culver on assumption of her office at the Cleveland meeting of the Token and Medal Society was Paul Vincze, F.R.B.S., London, England, one of the world's leading sculptor-medalists. Vincze is best known for his creation of the Queen Elizabeth II Coronation medal of 1953 and for the entire coinage of Ghana; he noted he had come to Cleveland to attend the American Numismatic Association Convention there August 19-22. Many of the Vincze medallic creations were on display in the A.N.A. exhibit hall.

T.A.M.S. has operated since its 1962 meeting in Detroit was adopted before the meeting by the annual session of the outgoing board of governors.

The Token and Medal Society accepted with regret the resignation of its editor for the past year, Alfred D. Hoch, who stepped down because of business pressures conflicting with his time. To edit the scholarly quarterly, Journal of the Token and Medal Society, for the 1964-1965 term, Clifford L. Mishler, Iola, Wis., was appointed. Mishler is well known as the publisher of an annual listing of tokens and medals struck in the United States and Canada, and an editorial staff member of Numismatic News.

Mishler is the fourth editor of the Journal, succeeding Dr. George Fuld (1960-62), Russell Rulau (1962-63) and Hoch (1963-64).

President Culver appointed a Literary Awards committee for the coming term to recommend a silver medal for the best article presented in the Journal. Chairman of the committee is Russell Rulau, Sidney, Ohio, editor of World Coins magazine and editorial staff member of Coin World. Serving on the commit-

tee are Miss Sarah Peskind, educator, Chicago, Ill., and Donald E. Miller, Indiana, Pa., author of "A Catalogue of United States Store Cards or Merchants Tokens."

Honored guest at the T.A.M.S. meeting was Paul Vincze, F.R.B.S., London, England, sculptor - medalist responsible for all the current coinage of Ghana, the coronation medal of Queen Elizabeth II and the medals honoring the inauguration of the President Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Mo., and the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare.

Vincze briefly addressed the gathering and repeated his well-known remark issued when it was discovered the approved and struck medal for Queen Elizabeth's coronation contained the Z in her name placed backward. A few specimens, now rare, were released before the error was discovered.

An American coin firm, hearing of the rare medals, phoned Vincze at his Chelsea studios in London to order several hundred specially-made errors for resale. Vincze's oft-quoted classic reply was simply, "I may make mistakes, but I do not manufacture them."

A record number of 5,118 books was borrowed from the American Numismatic Association library in the fiscal year 1963-1964. This fact was revealed in the report of the A.N.A. librarian, John J. Gabarron, presented at the annual A.N.A. business meeting in Cleveland.

Gabarron said this was the first year in which more than 5,000 books were sent out, bettering last year's record by 536. The books were sent to a total of 1,858 borrowers, according to the librarian.

Figures presented in the librarian's report indicate that one out of every 13 members took advantage of the A.N.A. library facilities during the past year. This average varies widely by state, however. One in every five members in Nebraska, where the library is located, borrowed books; while the figure for Ohio is one in 17.

One member in every 10 in Massachusetts borrowed books; but none of Idaho's 68 members borrowed any.

In addition to borrowers in 49 of the 50 United States, Gabarron noted that book loans were made to members in Italy, Australia, Andorra, Belgium, Denmark, Guatemala, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Norway, The Netherlands, Puerto Rico and Sweden.

The A.N.A. also reported receipt of books for the library from the following donors:

George E. Arnold Jr.; David Ray Arnold; William C. Allen; Eva Adams; Thomas W. Becker; Jack F. Burns; Michael Bove; Chew Keng Ban; J. I. Bekish; William J. Bauer; Edward R. Barnsley; Jean A. Bullen; Richard Balbaton; James C. Brindley; Herbert M. Bergen; Lewis B. Beatty; A. D. Craig; Maj. S. S. Carroll; John Cobb; Arthur B. Coole; James R. Croghan; R. R. Caron; Robert S. Chamberlain; Stephen F. Christy; Federico Claveria; Joseph L. Caesar; Alfred Dieffenbacher; Oscar Dodson; Capt. J. H. Duncan; Joe Elliott; Adolph Elden; Ray Elwood; William O. Ely; Larry Freeman.

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Australian Numismatic Society; Bebee's; Criswell's; Delaware Valley Coin Club; Lincoln Coin Club; Medal Collector; North Eastern Vecturist Assn.; New Zealand Numismatic Journal; Orders and Medals Society; American Numismatic Society; O'Hara's Antiques and Gifts; Sandhills Coin Club; Seaby's; Stack's; Texas Numismatic Assn.; Calcoin News; The Penny Newspaper; Coin World; Numismatic News; U. S. Treasury Dept.; and the Whitman Publishing Company.



Younger every year—Mr. and Mrs. John Gabarron's friends tell them at convention time. He is A.N.A. librarian and sergeant at arms; Mrs. Gabarron is her husband's assistant in the library at Lincoln, Nebr.

## Greater Lakeland Plans Event

The Greater Lakeland, Fla., Coin Club will have its Convention on October 16, 17 and 18 in the Civic center of Lakeland. The event will be open to the public and no charge will be made for admission, Frank John-

son, president said.

Further information is available from the club at P. O. Box 572, Lakeland, Fla., 33802 or from Johnson at 3615 Cleveland Heights boulevard, Lakeland.



New official family of the Token and Medal Society pledged an active year to its 900 members at the annual meeting of the group August 21 at Cleveland, Ohio. Seated is the incoming president, Mrs. Virginia Culver of Arcadia, Calif., the society's fourth chief executive. Standing are (from left) William B. Spilman, Waynes-

boro, Va., first vice president; George D. Hatie, Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., treasurer; Ralph A. (Curley) Mitchell, Fullerton, Calif., second vice president, and Robert Hailey, Endicott, N. Y., national secretary. Hatie is also president of the T.A.M.S. meeting's host group the Lake Erie Exonumist Society.